

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-363-W - ORDER NO. 98-597

AUGUST 6, 1998

IN RE: Request of AAA Utilities, Inc. for Approval)	ORDER GRANTING
of Extension of Service Area to Provide)	EXTENSION OF
Water in Shealy Acres Estates, Lexington)	TERRITORY
County, South Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of AAA Utilities, Inc. (AAA or the Company) for an extension of its service area to include the Shealy Estates subdivision. This subdivision is located in Lexington County on Boiling Springs Road. There are presently no residents living in the subdivision. The Company proposes that its current approved rates, including \$7.50 base rate and \$2.40 per thousand gallons, be extended to cover Shealy Estates.

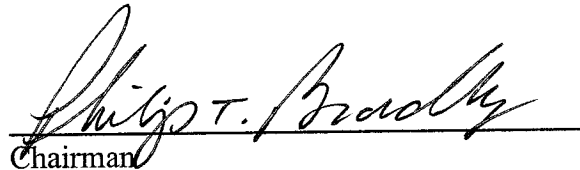
This request is governed by Regulation 103-704, which requires us to award a certificate that the public convenience and necessity requires the extension, after notice and hearing. AAA requests that we waive the notice and hearing requirements, based on the fact that there are no residents living in this subdivision. Regulation 103-701(3) allows us to waive the provisions of our regulations when it is in the public interest to do so.

We agree that it is in the public interest to waive the notice and hearing requirement in this instance, since it is most helpful to furnish water to a new subdivision. This spurs economic development of the area. Notice and hearing are therefore waived.

By the same token, and for the same reasons, we find that the public convenience and necessity requires the extension, and we hereby award the requisite certificate. The Company's present rates shall be applicable to Shealy Estates.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:



Acting Executive Director

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